

Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

John H. Hill, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

John Ray Correll, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—124) Pages S4575, S4584, S4585, S4599–S4600, S4603

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Jacob Chic Hecht, former United States Senator from the State of Nevada, in accordance with S. Res. 481, adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, May 17, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4646.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS:

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James Lambright, of Missouri, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., and Todd S. Farha, both of Florida, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, John W. Cox, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and William Hardiman, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### HEDGE FUNDS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the role of hedge funds in U.S. capital markets, after receiving testimony from Randal K. Quarles, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance; Susan Ferris Wyderko, Director, Office of Investor Education and Assistance, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Patrick M. Parkinson, Deputy Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; James A. Overdahl, Chief Economist, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Richard T. McCormack, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Adam Lerrick, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; James Chanos, Coalition of Private Investment Companies, New York, New York; and Kurt N. Schacht, Chartered Financial Analyst Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia.

### TRANSPORTATION WORKER IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration's Transportation Worker Identification Credential Program, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; George P. Cummings, City of Los Angeles Harbor Department, San Pedro, California; Lisa B. Himber, Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Larry I. Willis, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

### YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY PROJECT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the status of the Yucca Mountain Repository Project within the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management at the Department of Energy, focusing on the history of high-level nuclear waste disposal, after receiving testimony from B. John Garrick, Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; Paul M. Golan, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; William Wehrum, Jr., Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and Robert R. Loux, Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects, Carson City.

### LAND BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1686, to amend the Constitution Heritage Act of 1988 to provide for the operation of the

National Constitution Center, S. 2417 and H.R. 4192, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, S. 2419 and H.R. 4882, bills to ensure the proper remembrance of Vietnam veterans and the Vietnam War by providing a deadline for the designation of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, S. 2568, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, S. 2627, to amend the Act of August 21, 1935, to extend the authorization for the National Park System Advisory Board, and S. Res. 468, supporting the continued administration of Channel Islands National Park, including Santa Rosa Island, in accordance with the laws (including regulations) and policies of the National Park Service, after receiving testimony from Senators Warner, Sarbanes, Boxer, and Pryor; Stephen P. Martin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Patricia Gallagher, Executive Director, National Capital Planning Commission; Patrick F. Noonan, Conservation Fund, Arlington, Virginia; Harry G. Robinson III, TRG Consulting Studio, Washington, D.C.; and Rimantas Saikus, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

#### OIL DEPENDENCE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine strategies for reducing dependence on oil, focusing on S. 2435, to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, after receiving testimony from Vinod Khosla, Khosla Ventures, Menlo Park, California; and Jason S. Grumet, National Commission on Energy Policy, Washington, D.C.

#### RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Retirement Security and Aging concluded a hearing to examine naturally occurring retirement communities and what impact they may have on the ability to create livable community options for all Americans, after receiving testimony from Elinor Ginzler, AARP, Washington, D.C.; Fredda Vladeck, United Hospital Fund, New York, New York; Joyce Garver Keller, Ohio Jewish Communities, Columbus; Ann Sutton Burke, Jewish Family Service, Cincinnati, Ohio; Julia Pierson, Senior Home Services Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; and Beth K. Shapiro, Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, Rockville, Maryland.

#### VOTING RIGHTS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held a hearing to examine the continuing need for Section 5 preclearance requirements of the Voting Rights Act, including trends in minority participation in the seven states originally covered by the Act, renewal of the Act, and the history and prospects for minority voter participation in the states originally covered by Section 5, receiving testimony from Anita S. Earls, University of North Carolina Center for Civil Rights, Chapel Hill; Pamela S. Karlan, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; Keith Gaddie, University of Oklahoma, Norman; Theodore S. Arrington, University of North Carolina, Charlotte; and Richard H. Pildes, New York University School of Law, New York, New York.

Hearing will continue on tomorrow.

#### NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be Assistant Attorney General for National Security, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.